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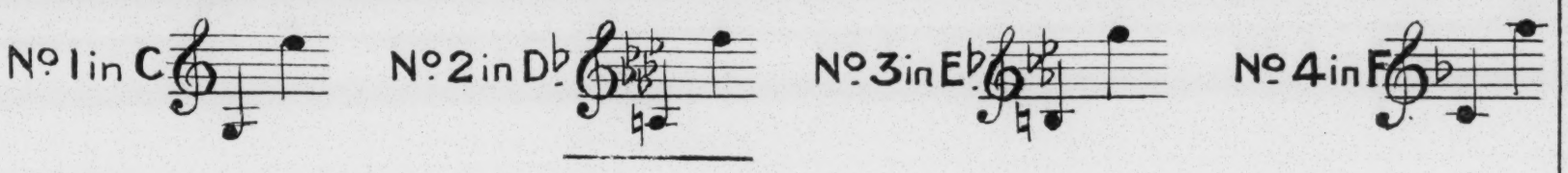

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Irish Love Song.

1.

Would God I were the tender apple-blossom,
That floats and falls from off the twisted bough,
To lie and faint within your silken bosom,
Within your silken bosom as that does now!
Or would I were a little burnished apple
For you to pluck me, gliding by so cold,
While sun and shade your robe of lawn will dapple
Your robe of lawn and your hair's spun gold.

2.

Yea, would to God I were among the roses
That lean to kiss you as you float between,
While on the lowest branch a bud uncloses,
A bud uncloses to touch you, My Queen.
Nay, since you will not love, would I were growing
A happy daisy in the garden path;
That so your silver foot might press me going,
Might press me going even unto death!

Katherine Tynan Hinkson.

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Andante con tenerezza.

VOICE.

PIANO.

mf

Would God I were the ten-der ap-ple blos-som That floats and falls from off the twist-ed bough, To lie and faint with-in your silk-en bo-som, With-in your silk-en

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bo - som, as that does now! Or would I were a lit - tle burn - ish'd

cresc. *cresc.*

ap - ple For you to pluck me, glid - ing by so cold, While sun and

rall. *molto cresc.* *rall.* *a tempo* *a tempo*

shade your robe of lawn will dap - ple Your robe of

f *f* *ben marcato*

Ped.

lawn and your hair's spun gold.....

mf *a tempo*

rall. *con passione* *a tempo*

ral - len - tan - do Yea, would to God I were a - mong the

a tempo

ro - ses That lean to kiss you as you float be - tween, While on the

low - est branch a bud un - clo - ses, un - clo - ses to touch..... you, my

rall.

con passione
a tempo
mf

Queen Nay, since you will not love, would I were

mf
a tempo

poco accel.
poco rall.

grow - ing A hap - py dai - - sy in the gar - den

poco accel.
poco rall.

a tempo
f

path; That so your sil - - ver foot might press me

a tempo
f

Ped.

ritard.
mf molto ritard.

go - ing, Might press me go - ing ev - en un - to death!.....

molto rit.

ben marcato
ritard.
mp